

The BLADE Network Technologies' RackSwitch™ G8100 is a 10GbE switch specifically designed for the data center, providing a Virtual, Cooler and Easier network solution.

The RackSwitch G8100 is “Virtual”- for the first time providing rack-level virtualization of networking interfaces for a rack full of server and storage systems – decoupling the scaling of networking and computing capacity via on-switch SmartConnect™ software. Patent-pending VMready™ extensions enable movement of virtual machines—providing matching movement of VLAN assignments, ACLs, and other networking and security settings. Using VMready, the trusted zone for the virtual machine is never compromised.

The RackSwitch G8100 is “Cooler”- implementing server-like directional cooling to maximize datacenter layout and provisioning. Its superior airflow design complements the hot-aisle and cold-aisle data center cooling model.

The RackSwitch G8100 is “Easier” with server-oriented provisioning via point-and-click management interfaces, along with BLADEHarmony™ Manager for updating large groups of switches.

The low latency offered by the RackSwitch G8100 makes it ideal for latency sensitive applications such as clusters and financial applications. And the G8100 supports the newest protocols – including Converged Enhanced Ethernet (CEE) for support of Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE).

The RackSwitch G8100 offers 24 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in a 1 RU footprint. Designed with top performance in mind, the RackSwitch G8100 provides line-rate, high-bandwidth switching, filtering, and traffic queuing without delaying data, and large data-center grade buffers to keep traffic moving. Redundant power and fans along with numerous high availability features ensure that the RackSwitch G8100 is always available for business-sensitive traffic.



Figure 1 RackSwitch G8100

Product Benefits

- 24 10GbE ports: Combination of CX-4 and SFP+
- Optimal for High-Performance Computing or other applications requiring the highest bandwidth and lowest latency
- All ports non-blocking 10GbE with deterministic latency of fewer than 300 nanoseconds.
- Unlike most rack equipment that cools from side to side, the RackSwitch G8100 has two airflow options (front-to-rear or rear-to-front) which allow for flexible mounting of the switch in a server rack or datacom rack.
- Variable speed fans automatically reduce power consumption
- The switch also has a special mounting kit, allowing it to be mounted vertically or horizontally in a rack.
- Seamless, standards-based integration into existing Cisco® and other networks helps reduce downtime and learning curve.

Business Benefits

- **High performance** - The 10G Low Latency Switch provides the best combination of extremely low latency, non-blocking line-rate switching and ease of management.
- **Reduced TCO** - A combination of 10G CX-4 and SFP+ ports provides the flexibility needed for 10GbE networking at a very affordable price.
- **Deployment Flexibility** - Front-to-rear cooling for server racks and Rear-to-front cooling for rear-facing applications like storage enclosures.
- **Better Cooling** - The RackSwitch G8100 improves cooling efficiency which reduces air conditioning power consumption and helps avoid potential reliability concerns as a result of the heat issues associated with side cooled switches.
- **Interoperability** - Software is based on Internet standards for optimal interoperability with Cisco® or other vendors' networks.
- **Easy Server Provisioning** - ServerMobility™ enables simple bare-metal provisioning of servers and repurposing of standby servers.

RackSwitch G8100 at a Glance

Performance

- 100% Line rate performance
- Latency under 300 nanoseconds with CX4
- 480 Gbps non-blocking switching throughput (full duplex)

Hardware Features

Models

- RackSwitch G8100F (for front-to-rear cooling)
- RackSwitch G8100R (for rear-to-front cooling)

Interface Options

- 20 fixed recessed 10G CX4 for simplified cable management
- 4 10G SFP+ fiber connectors
- 2 10/100/1000 Ethernet RJ45 ports for Management or Stacking
- 1 RS232 DB9 Console port for Management
- Server-like port orientations enables short and simple cabling

Dimensions

- 17.3" wide, 15" deep, 1 RU high

Weight

- 5.75kg (12.65 lb)

Rack Installation Kit

- Versatile 4-post mounting options for 19" server rack or datacom rack
- Can be mounted vertically or horizontally

LEDs

- System LEDs to indicate status
- Stacking LEDs to indicate Master/Member

Airflow

- Front-to-rear or rear-to-front cooling
- Redundant variable speed fans for reduced power draw

Power

- Dual redundant power supplies
- 120W, 50-60Hz, 100-240 VAC auto switching per module

Environmental Specifications

Temperature

- Ambient operating -10°C to +40°C

Relative humidity

- Non-condensing, operating 10 to 90%

Altitude

- Operating 3,050 m (10,000 feet)

Acoustic noise

- Less than 65dB

Heat dissipation

- 600 BTU/hour (maximum)

Software Features

Security

- RADIUS
- TACACS+
- Wire Speed Filtering: Allow and Deny
- SSH v1, v2
- HTTPS Secure BBI
- Secure Interface Login & Password
- MAC address move notification

VLAN

- Port-based VLAN
- 4096 VLAN ids supported
- 1k VLANs (802.1Q)
- Private VLAN Edge

Trunking

- LACP
- Static Trunks (EtherChannel)
- Configurable Trunk Hash algorithm

Spanning Tree

- Multiple Spanning Tree (802.1s)
- Rapid Spanning Tree (802.1w)
- PVRST+
- Fast Uplink Convergence
- BPDU guard

Quality of Service

- QoS 802.1p (Priority Queues)
- DSCP
- Metering*

High Availability

- Uplink Failure Detection

Multicast

- IGMP Snooping v1, v2 and v3

Monitoring

- Port Mirroring

Management Features

Clients

- BLADEHarmony Manager
- isCLI (Cisco-like)
- Scriptable CLI
- Browser-based client or telnet
- ServerMobility™*

Standard Protocols

- IPv6*
- SNMP v1, v2c and v3
- RMON
- Secondary NTP Support
- Accept DCHP
- LLDP*
- 16K MAC Table
- 9K Jumbo Frames
- 802.3X Flow Control

Upgrades

- Upgrade firmware via serial or TFTP
- Dual software images

* Available with optional future software release

Ordering Information

Model Number	Description
Switches	
BN-8100F-BDL	G8100 24-port 10GbE Switch with Front-to-Rear airflow with Two power cords Rack mount ears Serial cable
BN-8100R-BDL	G1000 24-port 10GbE Switch with Rear-to-Front airflow Two power cords Rack mount ears Serial cable
Pluggable Optics	
BN-CKM-SP-SR	SFP+ 10GBase-SR Short Range Transceiver
Rail Kits	
BN-4POST-RLS	19" EIA 4-Post Rail Kit

Regulatory Compliance

Country	Agency
Austria	CE
Belgium	CE
Canada	CSA, ICES-003
China	CCC
Denmark	CE
Finland	CE
France	CE
Germany	TUV-GS, CE
Italy	CE
Japan	VCCI (A)
Korea	MIC (RRL)
Luxembourg	CE
Mexico	NOM-NYCE
Netherlands	CE
Poland	CE
Portugal	CE
Slovakia	CE
Slovenia	CE
Spain	CE
Sweden	CE
Switzerland	CE
U.K., Ireland	CE
United States	FCC (A), UL

Services

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